

## WOUNDED SEAMEN BEING BROUGHT INTO SAIGON.

Indications That Russians and Japanese May Have Had a Clash Somewhere. Details of the Encounter Are Yet Lacking.

IS CONFIRMED  
IN WASHINGTON.

Another Report Says That Togo Has Seized a Base In the Formosa Strait. Russian Fleet Was Heading In That Direction.

Manila, April 14.—Rear Admiral Train received a report this afternoon from Saigon, French Cochinchina, that a Russian hospital ship which arrived there yesterday has on board a large number of wounded seamen.

If the reports of wounded seamen are true it would indicate that a battle of some kind had already been fought.

REPORT IS CONFIRMED.

Our State Department Get Word of Wounded Russian Seamen.

Washington, April 14.—The state department has received a report from the United States commercial agent at Yokohama, Japan, confirming the press despatches that a Russian hospital ship has put into Saigon with wounded sailors aboard.

Not Credited to Washington.

Washington April 14.—Notwithstanding the report received by the government that a Russian hospital ship put into Saigon, with wounded seamen, navy officers generally do not believe that an engagement has yet taken place. It is believed here that the ship contained principally sailors who have fallen ill, possibly some who have been injured in target practice.

TOKIO DENIES REPORT.

No Engagement Fought Off Saigon Says Navy Department.

Tokio, April 14.—The naval department denies that any engagement has been fought off Saigon.

A MYSTERIOUS ORDER.

French Squadron in Chinese Waters Will Be Reinforced at Once.

Paris, April 14.—It is stated that the French naval divisions in Chinese waters will be reinforced shortly and placed under command of an admiral. The reason for increasing the strength of the squadron in these waters is not given but the announcement has caused a good deal of conjecture in naval circles.

## TOGO SIEZES BASE IS FORMOSA STRAIT

Probable That Russian Fleet Will Go That Way If It Is Not Stopped—Makung Is the Point Being Fortified.

London, April 14.—A Tokio despatch says that a state of siege has been officially declared to have existed within the harbor limits and in the vicinity of Makung in the Pengu islands and the Pescadores. A naval court of inquiry has also been created at Makung and a temporary naval prison.

The Pengu and the Pescadores are located in Formosa Strait between Formosa and China. Makung is a fortified town on the largest island of the group. The seizure of Makung would seem to indicate that Admiral Togo is making his new base and that he is watching Formosa closely. The last report from the Russian fleet is that it is steaming northward through the China Sea, abreast of the Philippines, evidently making toward the Strait of Formosa.

REINFORCING VLADIVOSTOK.

Russians Plan to Put 100,000 Men and 500 Guns There.

Tokio, April 14.—It is reported here that the Russians are continually reinforcing the garrison at Vladivostok and that the work of strengthening the fortress is progressing constantly. It is said that the plans of the Russians contemplate a garrison numbering 100,000 men with 500 guns. Many additional batteries, redoubts, barriers and pits are

in course of construction and enormous stores of ammunition are being accumulated. The Russians it is said hope to so equip the fortress that it will be capable of withstanding a long siege.

WARLIKE DRAGOMIROFF.

Strongly Advises Nicholas to Keep Up the Conflict.

Paris, April 14.—The Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent states that General Dragomiroff, who won distinction in the Russo-Japanese war, strongly advises Emperor Nicholas to continue the war, pursuing defensive tactics until the double tracking of the Trans-Siberian railroad can be completed and then pouring reinforcements into Manchuria and assuming the offensive when Japan shall have become exhausted, at the same time utilizing Russia's great resources for strengthening the fleet, which, the aged general assumes, will take four years to render it more powerful than Japan's navy. This plan, General Dragomiroff considers, would certainly be finally successful.

Destroy Telegraph Outposts.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—General Linovitch reports that the Russian cavalry has destroyed Japanese telegraph outposts near Chantufu. It does not tell of fighting on the part of the armies in Manchuria.

RUSSIANS REINFORCED.

Second Manchurian Army Is Prepared to Renew the Battle.

Paris, April 14.—Captain Rode telegraphs to the Matin that he has been the guest of General Kaulbars, commander of the second Manchurian army at the Russian front.

The captain's observations showed that the Russian army had been reinforced, and is prepared to renew the battle. The troops maneuver daily in battle formation.

The Japanese advance guard, the dispatch adds, is barely ten miles away, and frequent cavalry skirmishes take place.

The prisoners captured have sabres cut on their heads, showing hand-to-hand skirmishing.

COLLIER HINDOO RELEASED.

Her Captain Agrees to Deliver Cargo Through British Consul.

Singapore, Straits Settlements, April 14.—The German collier Hindoo, at this port, loaded with 4200 tons of Cardiff coal for the island of Tanjong Pandan, between Borneo and Sumatra, which was refused clearance papers for Saigon unless her commander gave bonds to deliver her cargo through the British consul there, was released yesterday, her captain agreeing to deliver her cargo through the British consul at Saigon.

SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT.

Andalusia People Are in Sore Need of Aid—Uprising Feared

Gibraltar, April 14.—The drought in the division of Andalusia is assuming alarming proportions. There has been a great scarcity of rain and as a result the crops all through the season have been ruined. Thousands of people living in various villages of the district are without work and are facing starvation and distress. An uprising is feared. Serious bread riots will occur unless the municipalists inaugurate work of some kind.

18 WOLVES KILLED.

President Roosevelt Emerges from the Woods of Oklahoma.

Frederick, Okla., April 14.—President Roosevelt ended his Oklahoma hunt and broke camp yesterday afternoon. He arrived at Frederick with his party at 6:30 p. m. The special train left Frederick at 8:15 o'clock over the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, arriving at Vernon, Tex., at 9:10 o'clock, where the train was transferred to the Fort Worth and Denver railway, and the journey was begun to Colorado. The same precautions for the safety of the President's train on its return into Texas were exercised as on its arrival. Track walkers were stationed every mile and no trains were permitted to pass over the road within two hours previously to the arrival of the special. The troops of the 8th cavalry, who had been guarding the borders of the hunting grounds, returned to Fort Sill last night.

The 18 wolves killed by the President's party in the big pasture will be skinned and the skins will be shipped to Washington, where they will be hunted and kept as mementos of the hunt.

OBSERVED JEFFERSON DAY.

Banquet of 700 in New York Last Night—Parker Present.

New York, April 14.—Seven hundred Democrats attended the Jefferson day banquet of the Democratic club of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. The guests included many persons of national reputation, chief among whom was former Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic nominee for president at the last election.

Besides Mr. Parker the speakers were United States Senator Newlands of Nevada, Mayor McClellan of New York, Congressman Henry T. Rainey of Illinois and J. J. Willett of Alabama. Senator Carmack of Tennessee was the only one of those expected to speak who could not attend.

## FIRE SWEEP THE VILLAGE

Springvale, Maine, Loses Its Business Section

AND LOSS IS \$300,000.

Several Business Blocks and Many Houses Reduced to Ashes Early This Morning—Many Out of Employment.

Springvale, Me., April 14.—The business section of this place was burned this morning by a fire which started in the large shoe factory owned by the W. R. Usher & Sons company of Newburyport, Mass. In all five buildings were burned, but no lives were lost. The loss is placed at \$300,000, and three hundred persons were thrown out of employment.

Besides the shoe factory the burned included an unoccupied shoe factory of the Shaw, Gooding company, the Masonic block containing dry goods and shoe stores and restaurants, Odd Fellows block, Frost's jewelry store, Tibbetts' hotel, the drug stores of William N. Wood and C. H. Pierce, and Folsom Bros' furniture store. The town hall was damaged but was not burned to the ground. A number of wooden buildings in the rear of the town hall were consumed and many residences were reduced to ashes. The churches were saved. Aid was asked from Portland.

FIRE IN SWEAT SHOP.

Lives of Three Hundred Persons Were in Danger This Morning.

New York, April 14.—Fire broke out early this morning in the six story building at 129-131 Hester street and spread rapidly. The building was filled with sweatshops and 300 persons were sleeping in it, according to police reports. All are believed to have been rescued. One man was severely burned and several others slightly injured in the course of the fire. Four alarms called most of the down town apparatus to the scene.

LITTLE TOWN LOOSES \$40,000.

Paper Mill in West Ware, Mass. Destroyed This Morning.

West Ware, Mass., April 14.—The West Ware paper mill was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The fire spread to adjoining houses and before the flames were under control a loss of \$40,000 had been caused.

SUIT AND COUNTER SUIT.

Burlington Man Sued for \$5,000 for Alienations of Affections.

Burlington, April 14.—A suit for alleged alienation of affections has been brought by R. W. Taft against Charles E. Walker. No specific acts are alleged in the writ. Damages amounting to \$5,000 are sought. The case is returnable at the September term of county court.

A petition for divorce has been brought by Winona B. Taft against R. W. Taft on the ground of intolerable severity. The petition contains no specific charges of intolerable severity and a motion has been made by the petitioner to have specifications furnished. Mrs. Taft is represented by E. C. Mower and R. E. Brown and Mr. Taft is represented by V. A. Bullard and J. E. Cushman.

NEARLY ENDED.

Jury Will Get the Bronson Case Tonight It Is Expected.

Guildhall, April 14.—Reuben Bronson, the respondent in the Lyons murder case, took the stand yesterday, and the cross examination of Attorney General Fitts was continued. This was brief, and the man charged with murder in the second degree, left the stand with his original story, told at the hearing not shaken in the least. Cross examined, the witness said Edson was in the kitchen and the witness' wife was upstairs. His wife did not come down stairs. The case will probably go to the jury tonight.

Bryan Spoke in Chicago.

Chicago, April 14.—Subjects of national significance to the Democratic party were discussed by several leading orators of the party at a Jefferson club banquet held at the Sherman House yesterday in commemoration of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson. The dinner in a measure resolved itself into a justification over the recent election of Mayor Edward F. Dunne, who is a director of the club.

William Jennings Bryan and George Fred Williams were the principal speakers from out of town. Mr. Bryan spoke on "Thomas Jefferson" and his remarks were greeted with applause.

Mrs. P. Lamaine and five girls of Burlington were arrested Wednesday by the police. The former was charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, while the girls were charged with prostitution. They were all in city court, bail being fixed at \$300 for Mrs. Lamaine and at \$100 for each of the girls, the cases being continued.

## CONVENTION AT RUTLAND

State Y. M. C. A. Meeting Opened This Afternoon.

GOV. BELL TO BE PRESENT

There Were 40 Delegates Present Today and More Are Expected Before the Convention Is Ended.

Rutland, April 14.—The state convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Vermont opened at the association building in this city today for a three days' session, with about 40 people present and every indication that the attendance will be much larger tomorrow and Sunday. Over 50 delegates and other persons interested in the work have engaged rooms in advance at the local hotels. Proctor has promised to send 20 delegates, Bennington six, Middlebury college six, U. V. M. two, and Island Pond, Swanton, St. Johnsbury, Montpelier, Burlington, Brattleboro, Bristol and Jamaica will be represented either by delegates or county association workers.

The preliminary session opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the members of the auxiliaries and the associations holding a joint meeting in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. Frank H. Brooks of St. Johnsbury, chairman of the state executive committee gave a report and the state treasurer G. F. North of Burlington, gave his report. Both showed a remarkable growth in association work in the state within the last year. One delegate from each association or county represented gave a resume of the year's work in his district.

The feature of the day's session will be the reception to Gov. Bell at the association rooms tonight. The affair will be made as informal as possible, but an elaborate banquet will be served, covers being laid for 100. Dr. John A. Mead, president of the local association, will be toastmaster. Rev. Dr. George W. Phillips will welcome the guests on behalf of the churches and Mayor J. F. Manning for the citizens. The principal post prandial speech will be by Gov. Bell.

STRUCK BY AN AUTO.

Nelson Turner, a Boston Boy, Died at the Hospital.

Boston, April 14.—Nelson Turner, 14 years old, died at the City hospital last night from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile earlier in the evening, and James P. Flynn, aged 60 years, a member of the chamber of commerce, is dying at the same institution as the result of a similar accident last night.

Young Turner was crossing Columbus avenue at Station street in the Roxbury district when he was run down by a touring car owned by Kenneth Skinner and operated by Arthur Neilson. He received a compound fracture at the base of the skull and internal injuries. Neilson was arrested and held on a charge of manslaughter.

A runaway car struck Flynn as he was crossing Massachusetts avenue at the junction with Washington street. At the hospital, to which he was removed, he was said to be suffering from concussion of the brain and internal injuries, and could hardly survive. The operator of the machine, the number of which is known to the police, drove away after the accident.

HANGED FOR MURDER.

Two Men Executed at County Jail in Patterson Today.

Patterson, N. Y., April 14.—Arthur Laster, colored, the murderer of Mr. Woolenberg, was hanged in the county jail at 9:05 this morning. He maintained his innocence to the last.

Woolenberg was killed here last June while Laster was attempting to rob his store.

Joseph Miller, for the murder of Mrs. Celine Stewart at Midvale September last, was hanged at 9:42 o'clock.

Jewelry Store Robbed.

Fall River, Mass., April 14.—Two men broke through the plate glass window of the jewelry store of John Williams on Pleasant street, last night, and escaped with several hundred dollars' worth of diamonds and watches. There were very few people in the vicinity at the time. The police believed, last night that they knew one of the men, and that he was still in the city. The window was broken with a bag filled with bricks.

About midnight the police arrested on a Providence bound trolley car, William P. Carroll and John T. Carey, both of this city, and took them to headquarters, where they were held on suspicion. None of the missing jewelry was found on the men.

Disclosed on Hardwick Man.

Burlington, April 14.—The case of Henry Devlin, a young man of this city accused of intoxication, was tried in city court yesterday. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$5 and costs of \$14.29 or 10 days in jail. He will probably take the latter. It was discovered that Devlin was only 20 years old, and therefore eligible to disclose as to where he got his liquor under the provisions of the new law. He was sworn and said he obtained it of a young man named Ed. McVey of Hardwick who was visiting in the city yesterday. This disclosure was a reminder of the kind that used to be given under the old prohibitory law.

READY FOR GOLF SEASON.

Committee for the Year Named—Will Build a Tennis Court.

The committee of the Barre Golf club for the present season have just been announced. They are as follows:

Membership committee, Miss Mary J. Wright, Mrs. N. D. Phelps, Frank S. Williams, Homer Fitts, J. Frank Perry.

Greens' committee, James Mackay, Geo. N. Tilden, C. A. Dodge. Social committee, Clinton G. Moore, Miss Carrie Wheelock, Harry Bean, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould More, Miss Mary J. Wright, Miss Alice Smith, Mrs. Irving Whitehead, Mrs. C. H. Kent, Mrs. A. A. Sargent, H. C. Woodruff, James F. Higgins.

Tournament and handicap committee, James Reid, F. M. Lynde, Dean Perry, N. B. Ballard, Frank Nichols.

Ladies tournament committee, Mrs. H. G. Woodruff, Miss Carrie Wheelock and Mrs. G. N. Tilden.

House committee, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. C. M. Willey, Mrs. E. A. Drown.

Secretary, Miss Mary J. Wright. At a meeting of the executive committee of the Barre Golf Club held last evening it was voted to build a tennis court for the use of the members the present season.

DEMARCO IS HELD.

Northfield Man Charged With Selling Intoxicating Liquors.

Northfield, April 14.—Frank Demarco the Italian who escaped the officers during the raid here on March 29, was caught on Monday last at Springfield and brought here yesterday by Sheriff Ward of Barre town. He was held on the charge of keeping intoxicating liquors for sale without authority, being brought before Justice Kent at the office of C. D. Edgerton. Demarco's bail was fixed at \$500, and being unable to furnish it he was taken to the county jail in Montpelier by Officer Ward.

Sheriffs O'Neill of Waterbury, Atherton of Duxbury and Holden of Northfield, who assisted in the raid, were present at the trial.

## WAS FOUND GUILTY OF LARCENY OF \$30.

Roy Smith of Barre Convicted in County Court, Jury Reporting at 2 O'clock This Afternoon—Sentence Deferred.

Montpelier, April 14.—Roy Smith was found guilty in county court this afternoon of larceny from T. J. Mercer, the jury reporting at two o'clock, after having the case for two hours. Smith was placed in the custody of an officer, but has not been sentenced. The arguments were completed this forenoon, R. A. Hoar for the respondent and State's Attorney Jackson for the state.

EAST MONTPELIER.

Miss Kate Foster is to teach in Plainfield this spring.

George Howland was in Montpelier Tuesday on business.

Spring plowing was begun on the farm of George Howland last Monday.

Barney Abair and wife went to Waterbury Saturday for a visit, returning Monday.

G. H. Clark was in Montpelier Tuesday to attend the meeting of road commissioners.

A daughter of Dr. Gale of Plainfield visited Ruby Wright Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Lily Batchelder and Grace Wylie of Williamstown were at A. G. Whitcher's last Friday and Saturday.

Clark Sibley went to Milford, N. H., last Saturday for a visit, intending to go to Boston on business before his return.

Mrs. C. Sployd was taken quite ill Sunday and is now under the care of Dr. Chandler of Barre. She is more comfortable at present.

The G. H. Hammett farm has been traded with a Mr. Long for a house in Middlesex village, and is to be deeded Saturday of this week.

Mrs. Jerry McCarthy of Barre came Monday to care for her sister, Mrs. Sployd, but on account of illness was obliged to return home Tuesday.

George Wood drove to Brookfield on Tuesday again after stock and tools belonging to his mother, but on account of the bad weather brought back only a plow.

Clarence K. Cameron who has worked a long time for J. F. Robbins, went to Montpelier Thursday to work for the Country Club. He is to have the care of the grounds.

J. F. Robbins and Phil Batchelder went to Calais after lumber Thursday, and had to telephone home for a team to come and meet them and take part of their load. Too much mud.

G. H. Clark had a valuable horse killed last Tuesday, which had been sick for about a week and was past hope of recovery. The horse was one of a pair that Mr. Clark valued at \$400.

Miss Myra E. Tillotson came home on Wednesday from East Calais where she has been caring for her sister, Mrs. Arthur Mack. Her mother, Mrs. O. L. Tillotson, is in East Calais at the present time. Miss Tillotson expects to return there soon.

Agnes, the 17 years old daughter of Joe Murray, eloped from the place where she was at work Thursday of last week with Fred La Flour of Websterville. They were married that evening at East Barre where the girl's age was given as 19 years.

Prince Henry of Bourbon Dead.

Nice, April 14.—Prince Henry of Bourbon died yesterday at Mentone. The prince was the grandson of King Charles of France.

## TWO POUNDS TO A TREE

Several Sugar-makers Have Made That This Year.

SEASON IS ABOUT OVER.

Reports From Various Sections of the State Indicate That There Will Be an Average Yield of This Product.

The maple sugar season for 1905 is practically ended although it is likely that in some places a little more will be made. The majority of the makers hereabouts are already gathering in their tubs and are counting up the results. The season, starting out poorly, developed into an average year, and the total output of the state will probably be about the average of the last few years. A good many were disappointed at the start and either gathered in their buckets or decided not to take the trouble to tap their trees again. Along toward the last, however, the sap loosened up a bit and the run was excellent. The run of last Saturday and Sunday made of a decidedly poor season an average one. Those who kept their buckets out yesterday and today got a fair run. The quality of the product is very good. The best report is two pounds to a tree, and several expect to average that. Among them is E. K. Hutchinson, who resides on the East Hill. Mr. Hutchinson is well pleased. He tapped 600 trees and has made 1,200 pounds of sugar. That is next to the largest yield secured from that farm for 25 years, the most being made being 1,600 pounds. The average is from eight to ten hundred. George Wheaton secured about the same amount as Mr. Hutchinson, having tapped some more trees. Charles Peake of the same hill had a fair yield. F. C. Little, one of the best-known producers in this section, is still at it and is turning out an excellent article. He expects to get 2,000 pounds from 1,000 trees.

In the Northern Section.

In Franklin county there was the largest run of sap of the season Saturday and Sunday and sugar makers have been busy caring for it. The season will prove better than was a first expected. Yield in Southern Vermont. The maple sugar season is nearly at its close in the southern part of the state. The year has been a fair, good one in some orchards, while in others not more than one-half the usual quantity has been made, which is a setback to the farmers, as they depend largely on their sugar sales help defray the running expenses of the farms. The sugar that has been made is of excellent quality, as the sap has been much sweeter this season than usual. In the back towns of Windsor and Windham counties there is still much snow, and the sugar season will continue here for ten days more. Several days ago it was reported that farmers in St. Johnsbury and neighboring Caledonia county towns had made two pounds to the tree.

HER SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Miss Mary Hunter, Editor of Y. P. A. Paper, Given Toilet Set.

At the meeting of the Young People's Association at the Presbyterian church last evening, Miss Mary Hunter was given a surprise when William Brown, in behalf of the members of the association, presented her with a very handsome toilet set in appreciation of her very efficient services as editor of the Young People's magazine since it was first started. The meeting was largely attended. Games and marching were enjoyed and light refreshments were served.

NEW HARDWARE STORE.

Eugene Prindle Rents Store in Scamplain Block.

Eugene Prindle has rented the store now occupied by Charles Zanleoni as a liquor store in the Zanleoni block. The lease is for five years and includes the back part of the block and the barn now occupied by Dr. Lewis. Mr. Prindle will open up about May 1st a new hardware store, managed with his well-known ability for hustling. He has had long experience in the business in Barre.

MAY HAVE TO CLOSE.

E. B. Ellis Company Can't Get Stock Fast Enough.

Northfield, April 14.—It is reported that the plant of the E. B. Ellis Granite Co. will close for two weeks. The cause of the shutdown is on account of stock. There is plenty of stock at the quarries in Bethel, but the roads are in such condition during the muddy season that the heavy loads of granite cannot be hauled to the railroad to be shipped to the sheds.

Thomas Short, for 18 years in the employ of James H. Williams, of Bellows Falls, as coachman, has resigned his position and has bought a farm at East Lebanon, N. H. With him will reside his brother, George Short and wife, who have recently returned from a several years' stay in the Klondike, where they accumulated a large amount of wealth. Mrs. Short is said to have been the first white woman to enter that section. Her husband still has claims there. She will soon go back to look after his interests.